

Bethabara Moravian Church
Bethabara, North Carolina

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Betharba Moravian Church
Old Town, Forsyth County
North Carolina

Owners: Board of Provincial Elders of the Southern Province
of the Moravian Church

Date of Erection: 1788

Architect: No record

Builder: No record

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Stone construction to first
floor, brick covered with stucco to second floor,
upper story brick.

Other Existing Records: Official Diary of Salem
Congregation in Salem Moravian Archives.

Additional Data: See following pages.

BETHABARA MORAVIAN CHURCH
OLD TOWN
BETHABARA. N. C.

Bethabara Moravian Church is the property of the Board of Provincial Elders of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church. It was built in 1788 by the Moravian Congregation of Bethabara.

The auditorium has been once enlarged by the removal of a partition, which rose from the floor to the front lower edge of the gallery; otherwise the house remains as it was built.

About six miles north-west of Winston Salem, N. C., ~~the~~ was the first village established by the members of the Moravian Church, when they came into North Carolina in November, 1753. It has often been called Old Town, because it was the first, the oldest, of the Moravian towns. (Bethania was the second, and Salem was the third town established in North Carolina by the Moravians.)

The present Bethabara Church was the second house of worship erected in Bethabara. It was practically two houses in one; half containing the Church auditorium proper, and the other half being used as a residence for the pastor and his family. The residence section is now used for Sunday School purposes. The Church auditorium has been in continuous use from 1788 to the present time.

In early settlement days a stockade near the Church was famous as a stronghold against the attack of the Indians.

The above historical data was given by Miss Adelaide L. Fries, Litt. D., Archivist of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province.

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Approved

M. D. Marsh

District Officer

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For additional literature of historical and descriptive data of the Bethabara Moravian Church, the following is a list:

The Moravian Church Yesterday and Today, by Adelaide L. Fries, M. A. and J. Kenneth Pfohl, D. D. The book may be secured through the Salem Book Store, 9 Academy Street, Winston Salem, N. C.

Data from official Diary of Salem Congregation, preserved in Salem Moravian Archives, Winston Salem, N. C.

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